Grants for Coffee cultivation.

* 177 Q.—THIRU K. S. KOTHANDARAMIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to grant subsidy to the ryots who take up the cultivation of coffee in Hosur and Denkanikottah taluks; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. THIRU SI. PA. ADITANAR: (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

THIRU K. S. KOTHANDARAMIAH: Sir, there is a lot of scope for Coffee cultivation in Denkanikottah taluk. Sometime back, coffee cultivation was carried on there. But due to want of facilities in that area, the ryots are not coming forward to cultivate coffee. May I know from the Hon. Minister for Agriculture, whether such facilities would be given to the ryots to start cultivation of coffee in that area again.

THE HON. THIRU SI. PA. ADITANAR: At the moment, we are engaged in developing coffee plantations in Kolli hills in Salem district and in certain other areas, for repatriates from Ceylon. But the suggestion of the Hon. Member will be looked into.

THIRU B. VENKATASWAMY: Sir, in Bettamugulalam at Denkanikottah taluk, good quality of coffee is grown there. May I know from the Hon. Minister for Agriculture whether he will depute some officers to study the condition there to see that the area is developed and the area is brought under coffee cultivation?

THE HON. THIRU SI. PA. ADITANAR: Sir, the question is about the subsidy. So far as Denkanikottah area is concerned, at the moment there is no proposal. But the suggestion of the hon. Member will be looked into.

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